

No Questions Asked in Purchase

Senate Consultant Buys 'an Arsenal' Over the Counter 100 Miles From City

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A consultant for the Senate Juvenile Delinquency subcommittee, who infiltrated the Minutemen organization, purchased an arsenal of weapons within 100 miles of Washington, it was revealed yesterday.

Recently, he bought "over the counter with no questions asked" an 81 mm. Russian mortar, a 15 mm. Finnish mortar, a 2.36 mm. bazooka, a rifle with grenade launcher, grenades, bazookas, rockets and shells for the mortar.

The weapons were on exhibit in the Senate Caucus Room yesterday when Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D-Conn.) resumed hearings before the subcommittee on legislation to control importation of foreign

surplus military weapons and the interstate sale of guns.

Dodd said the consultant joined the Minutemen at his direction and is presently a "provisional" member pending the completion of his training.

He is taking what amounts to correspondence courses and has received handbooks on sabotage and principles of guerrilla warfare. One book is entitled "How to Organize an Anti-Communist Underground Army."

Dodd said the consultant has been designated a member of a combat team and an expert in weaponry. He was instructed by the Minutemen, a self-styled vigilante organization with headquarters in California, to purchase his own weapons, ammunition and other equipment.

While the heavy ammuni-

tion was designated as "inert,"

Dodd said ordnance experts say they can be made operable.

The consultant, who is in his mid-20s, was dressed in fatigues and combat boots and carrying a can of beer when he entered the store to purchase the weapons. He complained that his neighbor had a mortar in his yard and he wanted something bigger.

The case, Dodd said, indicates the ease with which anyone in this country, no matter what his background, his motives, his affiliations, or his intentions, can purchase weapons designed for the mass destruction of human beings.

Police officials say proposed gun law would block source of weapons for criminals.

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